

# Widespread rain hits interior Sindh districts

Dawn Report

SUKKUR: Almost all districts of upper, central and southern Sindh received widespread rains on Thursday causing a remarkable decrease in the temperature.

The intensity of showers varied in different areas but normal routine of life was disrupted in both urban and rural areas as highways, roads, streets and low-lying areas came under rainwater.

Bazaars, shops, markets and commercial streets wore a deserted look and vehicular traffic went off the road in most areas in Sukkur, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kandhkot-Kashmore, Ghotki and Khairpur districts, while some parts of Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas and other districts in southern Sindh appeared less affected due to low intensity of rain.

Power outages also badly affected life in the rain-hit areas. In some localities, the outages and breakdowns spanned many hours.

Coupled with chilling winds, the rains forced people to mostly remain indoors.

Sukkur and Jacobabad districts received 10mm and Khairpur 4mm of rain while Thatta, Mohenjo-Daro, Rohri and Dadu areas received 3mm each, followed by Paddidan (2mm) and Shaheed Benazirabad and Sakrand (1mm) of rain each.

# Police action against APCA protesters condemned

By Our Correspondent

THATTA: Local employees of the health department along with leaders and members of the All Pakistan Clerks Association (APCA) held a noisy demonstration at the Civil Hospital Makli on Thursday against the alleged manhandling and arrest of APCA leaders by the Balochistan police.

Led by APCA leaders Abdul Karim Bhand, Haji Ashraf Khask, Babu Hidayatullah Fazlani, Haji

Asad Khask, Haji Ibrahim Samejo and others, the protesters demanded immediate release of Balochistan APCA President Haji Ali Asghar Bungalzal and others. They strongly condemned police for using force and allegedly subjecting them to excesses.

The speakers deplored that APCA's Thatta chapter leader Raja Qureshi was also arrested by the Makli police and subjected to harassment and torture.

The protesters vowed to intensify their struggle if all the detained leaders and employees were not released immediately.



MEMBERS and supporters of the Sindh Professors and Lecturers Association (SPLA) hold a sit-in on Thursday in Sukkur for their promotions and other due rights.—Dawn

# SBC intervenes to stop suspension of 154 Hyderabad Bar members

Says such action cannot be taken after announcement of election schedule

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: The Sindh Bar Council (SBC) on Thursday suspended a circular issued by Hyderabad's High Court Bar Association (HCBA) under which membership of 154 lawyers was suspended.

The Hyderabad HCBA had taken the action on the grounds that these lawyers had been holding dual membership, i.e. of Karachi and Hyderabad Bars.

The name of Sindh Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjar was also included in the suspended members' list.

On Thursday, the SBC executive committee intervened in the matter to suspend the HCBA circular.

According to Hyderabad HCBA General Secretary Advocate Israr Chang, a list of 193 members was sent to its Karachi counterpart to ascertain

whether they held the latter's membership. In response, the Karachi HCBA confirmed that 154 of them were its members.

Advocate Chang said the Hyderabad Bar was informed that some members had done their biometric verification as well. "The [154] members included Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjar," he said, adding that following this confirmation, their memberships were suspended.

According to him, another list of 26 members of the Hyderabad Bar who hailed from Shaheed Benazirabad district, has been sent to the Karachi Bar for verification. "We are writing to the High Court Bar Associations of Larkana, Sukkur and Mirpurkhas as well in the process of dual membership verification," he said.

Hyderabad HCBA President Advocate Ishrat Lohar said that the members affected by the suspension of membership had been given one week's time to clarify their position. A circular in this regard was issued on Jan 21, accordingly, he added.

He said that the Sindh Bar Council had sent a communication, dated Jan 14, to

the Hyderabad HCBA under the 'Rule 175-G(b) of Pakistan Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Rules, 1976' requiring confirmation of memberships ahead of the HCBA's Feb 14 election.

He said that when the list was shared with the SBC, it had 154 names who were holding memberships of the Karachi and Hyderabad Bars simultaneously.

He said that the 1973 Act allows two kinds of membership — permanent and honorary —, and

explained that the permanent membership entitles a lawyer to cast his vote, and the honorary membership makes a lawyer eligible to avail certain facilities in any other bar.

The SBC executive committee suspended the Hyderabad Bar's Jan 21 circular after two applicants, Parkash Kumar and Sundar Das, challenged it before the council, confirmed Advocate Lohar. He said that SBC's Jan 22 order has been received by him on WhatsApp according to which applicants sought reinstatement of their Hyderabad Bar membership.

The SBC order said that after announcement of the Bar's election

schedule, arbitrary removal / suspension of any member of a Bar association would be unfair and against the principles of natural justice as no evidence was recorded or proved. "Moreover, the practice for holding late elections across province of Sindh has been menace and this practice must be abolished and annual elections should be held on time without delay," it stressed.

The SBC said that any violation of its order would tantamount to professional misconduct, and that the SBC secretary was directed to put forward, if found any of activities mentioned above, to SBC's executive committee.

The SBC told the Bar association concerned that SBC will decide such matter [suspension of membership] after giving full opportunity of hearing to all affected members.

The SBC also ruled that Bar associations across Sindh for whom election schedules have been issued were restrained from holding general body meetings for passing resolutions / expressing condemnation or making demands until free and fair elections were held.

# Man jailed for life in rape case

By Sumair Abdullah

KARACHI: A sessions court has awarded a life sentence to a young man who had raped a minor boy within the premises of a private school situated in the North Nazimabad area.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Mirza Tauseef Ahmed, who is also the presiding officer of the Gender-Based Violence Court (Central), found 21-year-old Muhammad

Sameer guilty on two counts and awarded him sentences of life imprisonment for committing rape and 14 years' imprisonment for sexually assaulting the minor boy in 2021.

The court also imposed a total fine of Rs2 million; on default, he would serve additional imprisonment.

"The victim is only four and a half years old and had never been exposed to any sexually explicit act. Expecting him to give a perfect narration of the sexual

act would be unjustified. It is highly improbable that he would falsely implicate the accused, nor is it expected that his father would fabricate such allegations, as no father would wish to stigmatise his son at such a tender age with an allegation that could ruin his future. Therefore, it is unreasonable to believe that the father of the victim fabricated the case. Rather, it stands proved that the accused took advantage of the tender age of the victim and subjected him to sodomy/unnatural offence for the satisfaction of his sexual lust."

According to state prosecutor Hina Naz Shams, the complainant, a rickshaw driver, testified in court that in August 2021, his four-year-old son shared his ordeal with his mother. She later informed him [the father] that while playing, the child had gone onto the school premises to retrieve his ball, during which the son of the school's gatekeeper (the accused) committed the offence with the boy.

The prosecutor added that during cross-examination, the complainant stated that he did not wish to pursue the case and informed the court that he had no objection to the accused

being acquitted, as he had pardoned him after the accused's family brought the Holy Quran to his home and requested forgiveness.

However, in his examination, the survivor identified the accused through an online video appearance before the court. He denied having pardoned the accused and said that he did not know whether his father had forgiven the accused or not.

In the detailed verdict, the judge noted that the medical evidence corroborated the oral testimony of the prosecution witnesses.

He added that the accused himself admitted that he resided with his father in the premises of the school, which confirms his presence at the place of occurrence and removes any doubt about his availability there at the time of the offence.

Regarding the defence contention that no independent eyewitness was examined, the court observed that the incident occurred inside a "narrow gallery of the school surrounded by walls, making the presence of private witnesses improbable." A case had been registered at the Taimuria police station under Section 377 (rape) of the Pakistan Penal Code.

# FIA obtains 5-day remand of eight cops in gang-rape case

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Thursday obtained a five-day remand of all eight suspects nominated in the alleged gang-rape of a woman in the RD-44 police station of Jacobabad district about a week ago.

The FIA had registered a new FIR (No. CC-LRK (Acc)/1/2026) against two SHO's and their six subordinates and arrested them. The suspects were produced in a court to obtain their remand.

The victim had earlier objected before a judge that the names of one SHO and his colleague were removed from the original FIR lodged at the RD-44 police station of Thul town.

She had stated before the district and sessions judge of Jacobabad that she, her sister and grandmother had been detained at the police station, where the suspects subjected her to rape for many days. The judge transferred the case to an additional district and sessions judge, who assigned the probe to the Larkana FIA. Eventually, the FIR lodged at the RD-44 police station was cancelled.

The suspects nominated in the FIA case are SHOs Mohammad Nawaz Brohi and Maqsood Sanjrani; and their subordinates Khadim Jakhriani, Yasin Jakhriani, Barkat Jakhriani, Mehrab Sundrani, Abdul Nabi Saamat and Mir Hassan.

FIA Investigating Officer Ehsan Mirani told media personnel that a clean and transparent probe would be conducted into the case.

He said that the victim, along with her affected relatives, would be produced before a judicial magistrate on Friday for her statement under Section 164.

**BEFORE:- MRS.NAUSHABA KAZI JUDGE  
IN THE BANKING COURT NO.III, AT KARACHI**  
Block No.50 Pakistan Secretariat Near Passport Office, Saddar, Karachi  
SUIT NO. 30 OF 2026

**DUBAI ISLAMIC BANK PAKISTAN LIMITED**, Having its Registered Office at Hassan Chambers, DC-07, Block-7 Kehlhasher Clifton, Karachi Branch Office at Plot No. 109-D, B-Commercial Area, D.H.A. Phase-I Branch, Karachi. **PLAINTIFF**  
VERSUS  
**MUHAMMAD AMIR AMIN SON OF MUHAMMAD AMIN RAJPUT**, CNIC NO. 42201-0871624-31 Flat No 010/4, Block 16 Aashish Apartment, Gulistan-e-Johar Karachi, II, Horni Saaz Office, No.486, Gali No.4, Manzoor Colony, Sector-G Guljar Chowk, Karachi. **DEFENDANTS**

To, **The Above-named Defendants**

Whereas the Plaintiff above-named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 **RS. 813,510.00 ALONG WITH COSTS OF SUIT AND COST OF FUNDS UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001**, balance of principle and markup due to you; you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within 30 days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit; and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such 30 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS. 813,510.00** and sum of **Rs.(Not Yet determined)** for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit.

Matter is fixed on 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026 at 9:00 A.M before the Banking Court-III, Karachi. Given under my hand and seal of the court this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2026.

BY ORDER  
READER  
BANKING COURT III KARACHI

**BEFORE:- MRS.NAUSHABA KAZI JUDGE  
IN THE BANKING COURT NO.III, AT KARACHI**  
Block No.50 Pakistan Secretariat Near Passport Office, Saddar, Karachi  
SUIT NO. 28 OF 2026

**JS BANK LIMITED**, SHAHEEN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, DR. ZIAUDDIN AHMED ROAD, KARACHI, THROUGH ITS SUBSTITUTE ATTORNEY MR. RAMRAN FAZAL SON OF FAZAL REHMAN COORDINATOR LITIGATION & REPOSSESSION OFFICER. **PLAINTIFF**  
VERSUS  
**MUHAMMAD SHAFAT SHAH S/O SYED IMAD ALI SHAH**, HAVING CNIC NO. 41906-0504465-7, F-10 FLAT NO. G-024, SHUMAIL COMPLEX PHASE-01, NEAR MOSMIYAT CHORANGI, SCHEME 33, KARACHI. **DEFENDANTS**

To, **The Above-named Defendants**

Whereas the Plaintiff above-named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 **RS. 431,191.47 ALONG WITH COST OF FUNDS AND COST OF SUITS UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE, 2001**, Balance of principle and markup due to you; you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within 30 days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such 30 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS.431,191.47** and sum of **Rs.(Not Yet determined)** for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit.

Matter is fixed on 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 at 9:00 A.M before the Banking Court-III, Karachi. Given under my hand and seal of the court this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2026.

BY ORDER  
READER  
BANKING COURT III KARACHI

**BEFORE MR. ABDUL RAZZAQ (JUDGE)  
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. II, AT KARACHI**  
Block, No. 50- Pakistan Secretariat, near Passport Office Saddar, Karachi  
SUIT NO. 27 OF 2026

Dubai Islamic Bank Limited, having its registered office at Hassan Chambers, DC-07, Block-7 Kehlhasher Clifton Karachi branch office at plot No. 109-D, B-Commercial Area, D.H.A. phase-I branch, Karachi. **PLAINTIFF**  
VERSUS  
1. **Muhammad Ahsan Khan son of Mashkoor Khan**, CNIC No. 42101.2506729-1  
2. **Anees Akhtar** wife of Mashkoor Khan, CNIC No. 42101-1376989-0  
I. House No. A-473, block-C, North Nazimabad, near T.T.C. College, Karachi.  
II. New Memon mohalla, Thana Bko Khan, district Jamshoro.  
III. **Ahsan Fabrics**  
Plot No. A-473, first floor, block-C, North Nazimabad, Karachi. **DEFENDANTS**  
To **The above named Defendant.**

WHEREAS the Plaintiff above named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance XLVI of 2001. You are hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within Thirty Days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such thirty days to **RS.1,280,054.00- ALONG WITH COST OF SUIT AND COST OF FUNDS** Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court in the form of written statement showing that there is a defense to the suit on merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear and defend the suit.

The matter is fixed on 2nd day of March 2026 at 09:00 AM before the Banking Court-II, Karachi.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 20th Day of JANUARY 2026.

BY ORDER  
READER  
BANKING COURT No. II, KARACHI

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Medical Emergency Resilience Foundation (MERF) invites applications from dynamic and career-oriented professionals for the following positions in District Thatta Sindh:

| Sr. # | Position Title         | No of positions | Qualification & Experience                                                                      | Hospital Name/Location                                         |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Women Medical Officers | 05              | MBBS or equivalent from recognised Institute & valid PMDC registration with relevant experience | • Gynae & Obs, DHQ Hospital Makli, Thatta<br>• RHC, Ketibander |
| 2     | Medical Officers       | 02              | MBBS or equivalent from recognised Institute relevant experience                                | • RHC Ketibander<br>• RHC Jherruk                              |

Interested candidates, fulfilling the qualification and experience mentioned above may apply through hrfor@sindh8@gmail.com with clearly mentioning the position title in the subject line. As this recruitment is ongoing, the position may be filled on a rolling basis.

**Local Candidates are encouraged to apply; candidate will be offered market based competitive remuneration.**

Our organization has a zero-tolerance policy on conduct that is incompatible with the values of the organization, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination. Organization also adheres to strict child safeguarding principles. All selected candidates will be expected to adhere to these standards and principles and will therefore undergo rigorous reference and background checks. Background checks will include the verification of academic credential(s) and employment history. Selected candidates may be required to provide additional information to conduct a background check. Only short-listed candidates will be called for test/ interview.

Due to nature of project, positions may be filled on rolling basis. Qualified Male/Female candidates with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Furthermore, walk-in applications will also be accepted for inclusion and may be used for future recruitment needs.

*To Allah we belong and to Him is our return*  
**Chehlum Fateha & Remembrance**  
for our beloved husband, father and grandfather  
**Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar Ahmed**

**A Light that will never Fade**  
Please join us in Prayer and Gratitude, as we remember his incredible life and legacy that lives on ensuring that the world remains bright and beautiful for countless others...

**Saturday, 24th January 2026**  
From 4 pm to Maghreb. Please be seated by 4:45 pm.  
Venue: 7/III Khayaban-e-Shujaat, Defence Phase 5, Karachi

**Bereaved:**  
Eliza Moysons-Ahmed, Soraya & Jean Marc Samina & Uzair, Irfan & Anita, Ishan, Nyah  
**May his soul rest in Eternal Peace. Ameen**

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**3 SHABAN 1447 FRIDAY**  
**23 JANUARY 2026**

**REFRESHMENTS: 7:00 PM JASHAN STARTS: 7:30 PM**

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JANAB **HASHAIN AKBER**

JANAB **MIR SAJJAD MIR**

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